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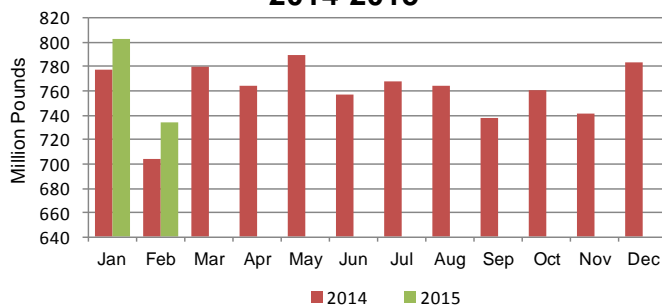
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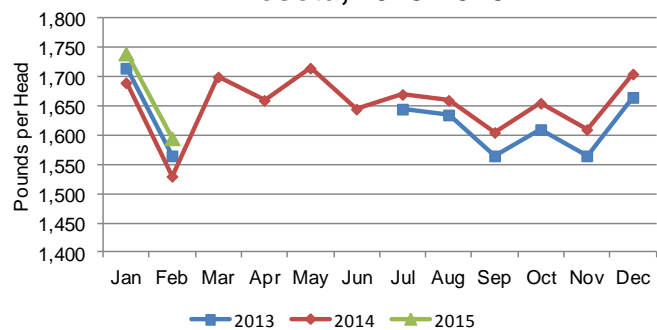
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Milk production in Minnesota during February 2015 totaled 734 million pounds, up 4 percent from last February according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 460,000 head, was unchanged from both last month and a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,595 pounds, up 65 pounds from February 2014. This is the highest February milk per cow for Minnesota on record.

**Milk Production, Minnesota,
2014-2015**



**Milk Production per Cow,
Minnesota, 2013-2015**



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2014 and 2015

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	Change from 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	192	195	1,965	1,990	377	388	2.9
California	1,780	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	-3.8
Colorado	140	145	1,885	1,960	264	284	7.6
Florida	123	124	1,715	1,775	211	220	4.3
Idaho	567	580	1,820	1,805	1,032	1,047	1.5
Illinois	95	95	1,545	1,580	147	150	2.0
Indiana	176	181	1,660	1,705	292	309	5.8
Iowa	205	210	1,725	1,765	354	371	4.8
Kansas	137	143	1,695	1,730	232	247	6.5
Michigan	381	403	1,880	1,915	716	772	7.8
Minnesota.....	460	460	1,530	1,595	704	734	4.3
New Mexico	323	323	1,950	1,880	630	607	-3.7
New York	615	616	1,690	1,725	1,039	1,063	2.3
Ohio	266	268	1,545	1,570	411	421	2.4
Oregon	124	125	1,595	1,590	198	199	0.5
Pennsylvania	531	530	1,565	1,600	831	848	2.0
South Dakota.....	95	101	1,650	1,700	157	172	9.6
Texas	447	470	1,745	1,730	780	813	4.2
Utah	95	97	1,685	1,765	160	171	6.9
Vermont	132	132	1,545	1,545	204	204	0.0
Virginia	93	93	1,500	1,500	140	140	0.0
Washington	269	277	1,850	1,840	498	510	2.4
Wisconsin	1,270	1,276	1,665	1,730	2,115	2,207	4.3
23-State Total.....	8,516	8,622	1,749	1,757	14,892	15,149	1.7

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. January revised production, at 16.5 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from January 2014. The January revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for February, 8 pounds above February 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February since the 23 State series began in 2003. This comparison is based upon all months of February being adjusted to 28 days.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 106,000 head more than February 2014, and 2,000 head more than January 2015.

Milk production in the United States during February totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,736 pounds for February, 9 pounds above February 2014.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.31 million head, 100,000 head more than February 2014, and 3,000 head more than January 2015.

